

Mission of the Church Militant

(Speech of Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood before Laymen's National Conference)

London and elsewhere. I am going to speak of what we have done in Ireland. It seems to me that we are entering upon a new series period. There is a severe deal to be done, a very big batch to be carried, and it is very important that we should come together and help by the right kind of maximum effort.

There are a great many responsibilities confronting us and at first, I think, we must be in communication with the men who are coming here. I think the church can do a great deal to help in this. There were some of you who came in a rather small proportion have come back now. Before coming and a good many of them are returning to us a bit more and a bit unbroken. They do not know much about Ireland, but they have seen great things, have seen enough of a great adventure, have realized splendid service, and it is rather hard to settle down and take up the old work again—they are a bit unbalanced, a bit weary, a bit shattered, as it were. I think we must be very patient and do everything we possibly can to restore them to their former time to the family with a feeling that he has been looked after and that the right thing has been done.

Our Work Just Begun

When we sent those men abroad we sent them over with prayers and with our blessings. We did everything humanly possible to send them sound and ready to help us, and when we did this, we did not mean we would direct and instruct them, we promised every kind of appreciation and reward if they did well. They have done their great duty splendidly. They have had huge losses because of lack of proper equipment, they have done their work and against heavy odds they went through to victory. Now, we must turn to the next stage and start one of those strange things that we have seen many times before. The men who have done great things and have won the victory have come back to find that they are more or less forgotten. They care little about the empty parade, the decoration of the streets. It is all over in a moment, it is only superficial. It is up to us to carry on our part with resounding intelligence.

We want to carry these men home so that they will know when they get there that we have appreciated their service. Many are bitter, very bitter, more so than we have known in this country when a vicious army has returned—partly because of indifferent adjustment system, partly to lack of pay. And they are back; our records show many of them idle. We want to take the matter up and see that every man goes to his home or to a job.

Four millions is a potent influence in any community. They must live on here as strong centers of patriotism. There is one thing in which you can help tremendously. The big cities of the middle west have been organized for a long time to look after these men. This is one of the most important things you can do—to look after these men. We want to restore them to their communities so they can pass on to their children

Aristocracy Under Fire

Dukes and Earls Nervous Under Gruelling Examination From Commoner Inquisitors—Ancient Landed Rights Brought in Question by Iconoclastic Investigators.

By C. R. CUMMING.

LONDON, June 25.—This has been a dramatic week in the king's robing room, an historic hall in the house of lords. At the instance of Robert Smillie, leader of the miners, some of the greatest peers and landowners in the kingdom were summoned before the coal commission. A great part of the coal-producing land of Great Britain is in the hands of a few men and these were called to give evidence as to their acreage, average income and the nature of the title by which they lay claim to possession.

One after another, Earl of Durham, Baron Duncor, the Earl of Durlavon, the Duke of Northumberland and the Marquis of Londonderry appeared at the bar. The great British landowner, the Duke of Hamilton being too well to attend in person, was represented by his agent. They all underwent cross-examination of their landed and personal character from Mr. Smillie himself, keen-faced Mr. Hodges and Mr. Herbert Smith, a burly Yorksman whose northern bluntness when indignation breaks down his tactfulness, goes straight to the mark.

Miners and Dukes Face to Face.
The miners made full use of this opportunity of a lifetime to talk with their enemy in the gale. It is not likely that ever before in the course of their earthly existence did peers of highest attainments hear so frank an exposure of the estimate in which their class is held by those whom they are accustomed to regard as so vastly their social inferiors. No springing here, though no undue aspercion either. Only an assumption of human equality. "I'm putting it to you men to man," said Smillie, addressing to each an admiring crowd from the religious ranks of the Nonconformists, "that your faith and personal character from Mr. Smillie himself, keen-faced Mr. Hodges and Mr. Herbert Smith, a burly Yorksman whose northern bluntness when indignation breaks down his tactfulness, goes straight to the mark."

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Not a Problem—a Demand.
Indeed, it is no longer a problem in the ordinary sense. It is a national demand that must be met. There is no answer to a refusal to meet it except the answer of Sinn Fein to fight for separation. Any and every means within its power, and that means all, must be used to bring about the dawn of peace could bring would be the settlement of the Irish problem.

The Assumption exhausts itself with moderation if not moderation leads into the fire. The greatest blight in history has descended Ireland as a heritage of Westerners. The removal of the English from Ireland was never so betrayed, and though there were some in so forth that they lost the freedom of the small aristocracies of Europe.

Heading for Another Fiasco.
The aristocrats brought up in the cold traditions of the eighteenth century out of the soil, this may come rank heretic. To determine it is the meaning of events that led to a terrible tragedy. Hence, seen the end of that stage. Not yet, nor will it be, the end of it. The blight is still there, but it has been placed in a golden bound, and knowledge and sympathy add touches to unfaltering courage and boldness in fulfilling courage.

It will be instructive to look briefly into the evolution of the

other side of the story. All

others will find and may deserve to fail.

There is no other country in

the world so lacking in the

development of its former case.

and others about them the spirit of

service.

The Enemy in Our Midst.

The aristocrat, where you

will need to be in the department

of reconstruction. I am naturally

taking more of another than you

others. We must send back all the

titles without feeling that they

are helpless people that they are

not at all useless in the world. We

must put them through theocratic

processes and training and later

on they must have their help to es-

tablish them in useful occupations

so that they make a living for them-

selves and their families. The gov-

ernment doing particularly well

the last thing they get involved

in is the church can do a great deal

to help us in our service.

Another thing that will try our

muscles is the relation between capital

and labor. I think we must send

our best energies to building up the

best possible relations between these

interlocking forces. We should try

to bring them together around a con-

ference table as it were, to talk

over our differences.

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